

Shelter Plus Care Permanent Supportive Housing Program Summary

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Shelter Plus Care (SPC) is a federal program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designed to provide permanent rental subsidies and supportive services to homeless individuals with disabilities, primarily those with chronic mental illness, substance abuse, co-occurring, and HIV/AIDS. SPC is primarily administered by the State of Maine, Department of Health & Human Services-Office of Adult Mental Health (DHHS). The City of Bangor also administers several SPC grants in partnership with DHHS. DHHS and its network of Local Administrative Agencies throughout the state, have committed to providing the direct support services and rental assistance components of the program. **Following a *Housing First* model, initial SPC recipients are encouraged, but not required to accept the provision of services to go hand in hand with the voucher.**

The collaboration of local providers, municipalities, state agencies, and the federal government is the backbone of existing SPC programs. Program participants are encouraged to work towards greater stability and self sufficiency by developing short and long term goals with their service provider. Service providers assist individuals with various housing related needs including communication with their landlord. Participants are supported in pursuing treatment, case management, educational and job training opportunities, if they choose. The 'care' component must be equivalent to the rent portion of the subsidy on a grant by grant basis. A typical example: if the subsidized rent is \$450/month, there needs to be a matching value of services.

Eligibility: all individuals participating in SPC must meet the homelessness and disability criteria as defined by HUD. Program participants pay 30% of their income towards rent and Shelter Plus Care subsidizes the remaining portion of the rent. Participants are able to choose their own living units, provided the units meet Housing Quality Standards and fall within the Fair Market Rent established for the area by HUD.

The vast majority of SPC vouchers are 'Tenant-Based' as the Department continues to enhance consumer *choice, independence, and control* as essential elements in the Recovery Model. These vouchers may be utilized within a specific geographic area, typically along municipal or county lines. There are also a few 'Sponsor-Based' vouchers may be utilized within a particular set of units or buildings that are owned or managed by the 'Sponsor', typically a housing and service agency.

For further information regarding the Shelter Plus Care program, please contact the Local Administrative Agency or Housing Coordinator nearest you. A list of these contacts can be found on the back of this informational sheet.

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BRAP and Shelter Plus Care LAA contact list		
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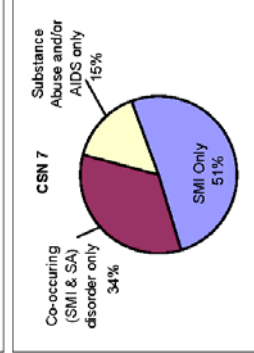
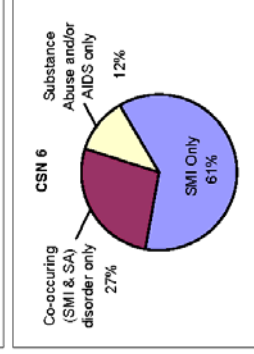
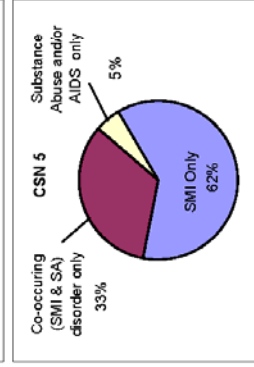
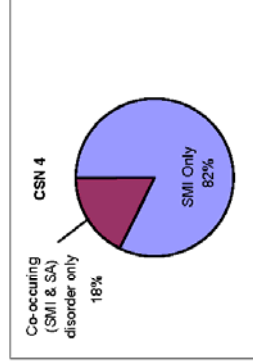
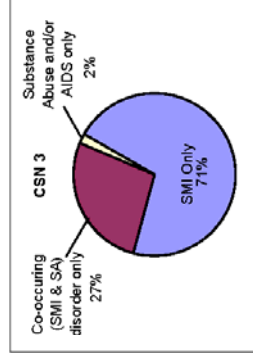
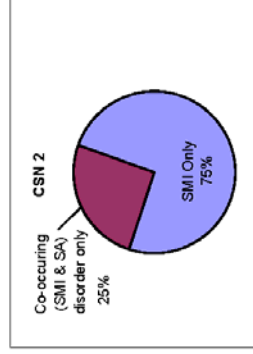
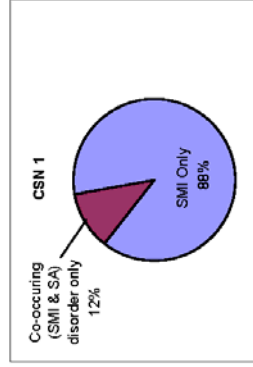
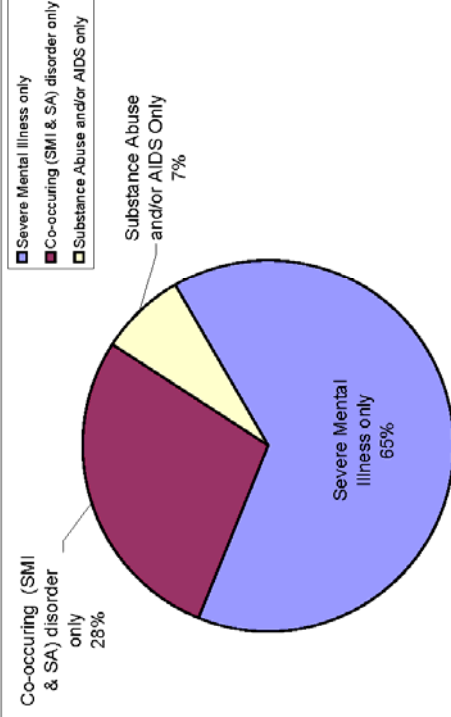
- Not a DHHS Local Administrative Agent. The City of Bangor also administers Shelter Plus Care

FY 2009 Shelter +Care Disability Categories

Disability Type	Count	Percentage
Severe Mental Illness only	640	65%
Co-occurring (SMI & SA) disorder only	278	28%
Substance Abuse and/or AIDS only	73	7%

Documented Diagnosis	Count	Percentage
Severe Mental Illness	918	93%
Chronic Alcohol Abuse	231	23%
Chronic Drug Abuse	171	17%
AIDS	14	1%
Physical Disability	11	1%

991 Shelter Plus Care tenants
295 tenants had two or more
documented diagnoses



CSN	Region
CSN 1	Aroostook County
CSN 2	Hancock, Washington, Penobscot & Piscataquis
CSN 3	Kennebec & Somerset
CSN 4	Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc & Waldo
CSN 5	Androscoggin, Franklin & Oxford
CSN 6	Cumberland
CSN 7	York